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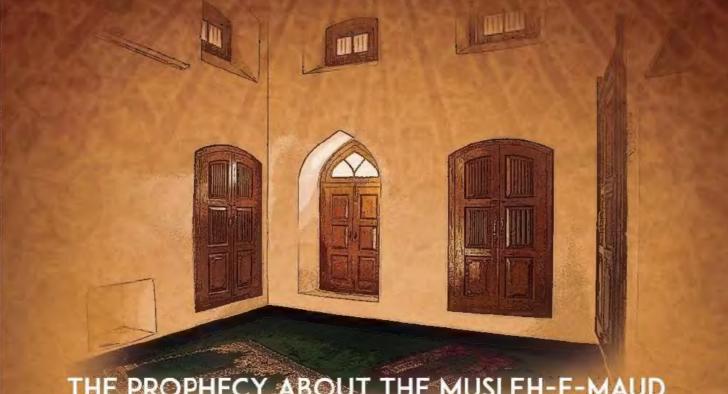
By Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ismail™, in the blessed memory of the Promised Messiah™

# UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP OF A FATHER AND SON

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# A CHAMPION OF

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V's<sup>23</sup> personal memories and recollections of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud<sup>29</sup>



# THE PROPHECY ABOUT THE MUSLEH-E-MAUD

On 20 February 1886, a leaflet was published in which Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah\* expressed that Allah the Almighty vouchsafed a sign amid his time of isolation that a child would be born who would serve Islam and would be blessed with extraordinary attributes.

The words of the prophecy are as follows:

"I confer upon thee a Sign of My mercy according to thy supplications. I have heard thy entreaties and have honoured thy prayers with My acceptance through My mercy and have blessed this thy journey.

"A sign of power, mercy, neamess to Me is bestowed on thee, A Sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to thee and thou art granted the key of success and victory. Peace on thee, O victorious one.

"Thus does God speak so that those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may emerge therefrom and so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God's word may become manifest unto the people and so that the truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may depart with all its ills, and so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power, I do whatever I will, and so that they may believe that I am with thee, and so that those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion and His Book and His Holy Messenger Muhammad, the chosen one Jon whom be peace) may be confronted with a clear sign and the way of the guilty ones may become manifest.

"Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on thee. Thou wilt receive a bright youth who will be of thy seed and will be of thy progeny. A handsome and pure boy will come as your guest.

"His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He has been invested with a holy spirit and he will be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah.

"Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He shall be accompanied by grace (Fazl) which shall arrive with him. He will be characterised with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorder through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

"He is the Word of Allah for Allah's mercy and honour have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will convert three into four. [the Promised Messiah\* said concerning this, 'Of this, the meaning is not clear.']

"It is Monday, a blessed Monday. Son, delight of heart, high-ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, a manifestation of the True and the High; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of manifestation of Divine Majesty.

"Behold! a light cometh, a light anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour our spirit into him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage. His fame will spread to the ends of the earth and peoples will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is a matter decreed."



# FROM THEEDITOR

From a very young age, as part of the Waqf-e-Nau syllabus, we are told to memorise the first seventeen verses of Surah al-Bagarah.

Among those verses is the following:

"Who believe in the unseen and observe prayer, and spend out of that We have provided for them." (The Holy Quran, Ch.2: V.4)

"Belief in the unseen" is something most of us reflect on. And many of us reach the poetic value of this verse, which apparently seems paradoxical: to believe in something that we have never seen and cannot see.

From the perspective of a child, the deeper meanings do not become clear. But as we grow older, the question of the existence of God strikes us. For someone in search of answers, this verse and the commentaries it carries may be one of the first places to look.

When we take a closer look at our belief in this verse, we find a simple answer.

A child is taught at a young age that we have been given five senses (some argue for a sixth). We marvel at the world and the length and breadth of each piece of land. Planet Earth really makes us feel small.

But if we take a step back and glance at the greater canvas of the universe, planet Earth seems all the more insignificant. What is out there? Aliens? More creatures like us with intelligent minds? We have not yet reached a conclusion.

What we do know is that we - humans - are subjected to limitations, the five senses being among those. Thus, the meaning of belief in the unseen is to believe in that which our five senses cannot comprehend.

This includes watching/playing football matches with the belief that our team will win; setting off on

holiday with the belief that each day will be a means of relaxation; going to work with the belief that we are doing something beneficial for mankind and that it will, in turn, be of benefit to me; and lastly, to the point that is key here, praying with the belief that God will listen to my prayers and fulfil my desires.

If we already knew the result of what was to happen, we would not begin that task in the first place, but because we didn't know what to expect, we did it anyway with the belief that everything would be fine. This is belief in the unseen.

The belief in a living God has been once again revived by an ardent servant of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>5,2</sup>. The Promised Messiah<sup>3,5</sup> gave us that hope that no one else could; that God speaks and listens today as He did in ancient times; that the same God watched over us today Who watched over Prophets like Abraham<sup>3,5</sup>, Ishmae<sup>3,5</sup>, Isaac<sup>3,5</sup> and Muhammad<sup>5,2</sup>.

The Promised Messiah was given a small community to spread this message and explain the truth about Islam. He prayed before God many times that he had been given such a prestigious mission and required able scholars to assist him in this noble cause.

In January 1886, he travelled to Hoshiarpur where he prayed for forty days and forty nights for Divine succour and a sign from God. It was then that he was promised a boy of 52 magnificent qualities, who would carry his tabligh to the ends of the earth. This was none other than the Musleh-e-Maud, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad.

In these months, we celebrate the Promised Messiah Day and Musleh-e-Maud Day respectively in their memory and remember the purpose for which they sacrificed every moment of their lives.

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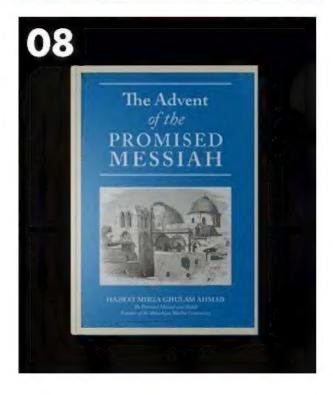
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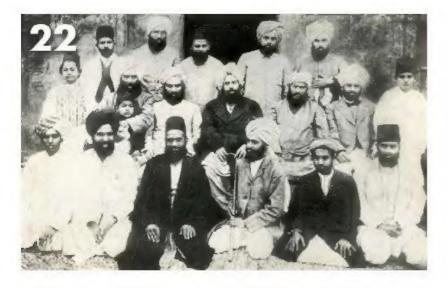
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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

Alif Lam Mim. [I am Allah, the All-Knowing.]

This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous,

Who believe in the unseen and observe prayer, and spend out of that We have provided for

(Surah al-Bagarah, Ch.2: V.1-4)

# Belief in the Unseen

Explaining the true meaning of "belief in the unseen", Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Musleh-e-Maudra gives a detailed breakdown of the level expected of a true believer. Below, we present part of his commentary on the fourth verse of Surah al-Baqarah.

"Yu'minuna bil-Ghaib" [those who believe in the unseen] certainly does not mean blind faith. Neither is such a definition correct in the Arabic language, nor does the Quran support such a definition. In fact, the Quran has spoken against those who believe without any conviction. Allah states in Surah al-Najm... "These are but names which you have named - you and your fathers - for which Allah has sent down no authority.' They follow naught but conjecture and what their souls desire."

From this verse, it becomes clear that the Quran challenges the practice of the enemies of Islam, who held unfounded beliefs, for which there was neither any heavenly support, nor was there any logical backing. They followed their baser desires and went by what their superstitions led them to believe.

So, where Allah the Almighty considers it objectionable to believe without conviction, then how is it possible that at the very beginning of the Holy Quran, God instructs us to believe blindly and counts it among the requisites of Taqwa [complete righteousness and purity]? In many verses of the Holy Quran, it has been stressed that faith should be founded on strong proofs and arguments, as opposed to conjecture and groundless beliefs...

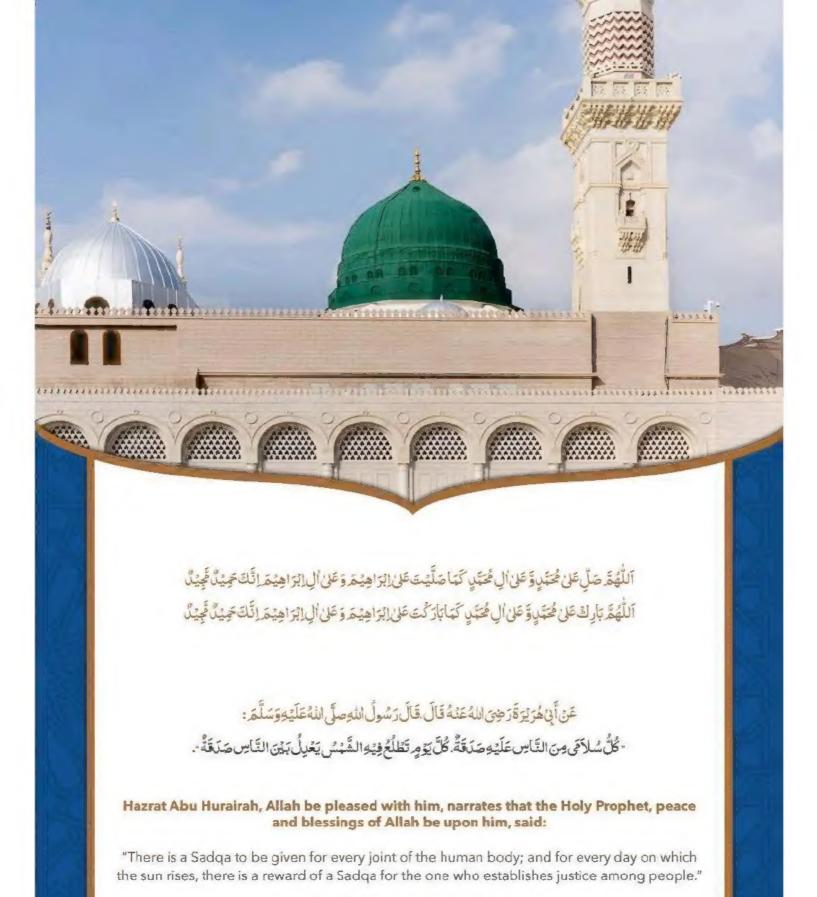
... then what does "Yu'minuna bil-Ghaib" mean. The answer is that, as has already been mentioned through lexicons, "Ghaib" [unseen] means those things that cannot be proven through the known senses but require logic and experience for their proof. And it is obvious that such things cannot be termed as baseless.

We believe in so many things that form part of the physical world we know, in spite of the fact that they cannot be experienced or sensed through the five senses. Memory, for example; who can deny its existence. However, no one can see, smell, taste, hear or touch human memory. The same is the case of shame, bravery, love and hate; these are all powered by thought and reasoning. Who can obtain knowledge of these faculties through the five senses? Can their existence be denied only because they cannot be determined through the five senses?...

The fact is that all extraordinary tasks are accomplished through belief in the unseen. Education, charity, alms-giving, efforts to better standards of the impoverished, national administrative structures; all these are part of belief in the unseen. If man was to not have certainty in the upcoming positive outcome of his endeavours, which are all hidden from the eye, he would never be able to make such sacrifices.

Thus, by saying that a sign of a muttaqi [righteous servant of Allah] is belief in the unseen, the Quran has effectively told us that aside from believing in the basic tenets of faith, a believer makes high moral sacrifices and elevates higher than a person with a materialistic mindset, in that such a one does not require to see the fruits of his endeavours at every step of the way. A believer, when having complete and utter conviction that task ahead of him is good for him and has positive results waiting for him, disregards the apparent circumstances and works with the conviction that good deeds have good results, even if the odds are against him at first. Such a believer does not care if he ever gets to see the fruits of his endeavours.

(Tafsir-e-Kabir, Vol. 1, pp. 99-102)



(Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitab al-Sulh)



# THE ESSENCE OF PRAYER

Prayer, in essence, means a relationship of mutual attraction between a righteous person and his Lord. This means that God's grace first draws a person towards Himself, and then, through the magnetism of the person's sincerity, God draws closer to him. In the state of prayer this relationship reaches a point where it manifests wonderful qualities. When a man in grave difficulty falls down in prayer with perfect certainty, perfect hope, perfect fidelity, and perfect resolve; and when he becomes perfectly alert and advances far into the field of self- annihilation, tearing aside all veils of heedlessness, lo and behold, he finds before him the Divine threshold, and he perceives that God has no associate. His soul then prostrates itself at the Divine threshold and the power of attraction that is invested in him draws the bounties of God Almighty towards him. It is then that the Glorious God attends to the fulfilment of the desired objective, and casts the effect of the prayer on all the preliminary means, which, in turn, produce the means that are essential for the achievement of the objective.

(Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmadas, Blessings of Prayer, Islam Int'l Publications Ltd., pp. 15-16 [2007])

**BOOK REVIEW** 

# THE ADVENT OF THE MESSIAH

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This is a speech delivered by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> on 27 December 1905 in Masjid Aqsa in Qadian. In it, Huzoor<sup>as</sup> carefully explained the purpose of his advent and the reason behind establishing the Community. He elaborated that the refutation of Jesus<sup>as</sup> ascension was an important issue but not the main objective of his community.

He stated, "The Muslims of today have forgotten the essence and true teachings of Islam as expounded earlier, but I have been tasked with its reestablishment. This alone is the magnificent purpose of my advent."

Many vices and doctrinal errors had arisen among the Muslims of that time. Allah created this Community to uproot them and breathe new life into Islam by acting upon its true teachings.

The Promised Messiahas spoke on this topic in response to an individual who, at a large gathering, had stated, "As far as I am aware, the only difference between the community of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, and other Muslims is that the latter believe that the Messiah son of Mary ascended to heaven alive, and we believe he has passed away. Except for this, there is no other matter of difference that is contentious in principle

between them and us."

However, this was not completely accurate and did not fully represent the purpose of the community's establishment. Therefore, the Promised Messiah<sup>48</sup> addressed the gathering the next day and elaborated on the real purpose of his advent.

The Promised Messiah<sup>25</sup> stated that it was incorrect to assume that the sole purpose of this community was to rectify the error regarding Jesus<sup>205</sup> death. Even though removing this misconception was one objective; this belief alone was not of such importance that Allah needed to raise an individual and establish a community of such significance.

This error had in fact crept into the Muslims shortly after the demise of the Holy Prophet<sup>3</sup>. Despite the coming of many holy personages and righteous people, who believed in the passing away of Jesus<sup>35</sup>, this belief persisted among the Muslims. If Allah had wanted to remove this error, he would have already done so.

During the earlier times, this misconception was a minor doctrinal error and one that did not pose a threat to Islam. However, in the current era, because of the rapid growth Islam had become closely intertwined

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became he was unaways of the rules. He had meant no ill intent. Despite the prosecution's remonstrations, the magistrate eventually ruled in favour of the Promised Messiah.

Therefore, it was a fact that God disgraced no one for speaking the truth. Those punished for telling the truth were not penalised because of their honesty, rather they were punished for some other hidden vice or lying at other occasions.

Another weakness the Promised Messiah discusses in the book is the lack of sincerity in virtue. Allah promised in the Quran that He rewards every good deed, no matter how small. The question then arose, why was in that people were not rewarded despite giving alms and distributing charity. The reason was that most performed such actions for mere ostentation. They were driven by praise and admiration of the public rather than a sincere compassion for the poor. Again, it was the lave of this world that wasted their actions. Any act lacking sincerity amounted to nothing in front of Allah.

Many during that time had also developed double standards between religious obligations and worldly effort. They would strive for years on end for worldly objectives, yet they expected immediate results when seeking nearness to Allah. It was common to see people to work diligently even for minor jobs and yet recoil even from the slightest bardship in religious duties.

it is the law of God that every form of progress is gradual and requires work and secrifice. If God could turn someone into a saint instantly, then He would never have put His righteous servants through such trials. Hence it is foolish to think that faith morely requires trivial efforts. Everyone agrees that worldly gains cannot be secured without hardship and toil. It is true, according to the Hadith, that faith is a thing of case, yet every blessing demands travail.

The Musicus at the time were fortunate that Islam was not overly demanding, whereas the Hindu yogis would take asceticism to the extreme and Christians would practice celihacy. Islam only requires its followers to purify their souls. This means that man should renounce the misuse of his faculties and use them at the appropriate time and place.

The Promised Messian elaborated that human nature and traits were not inherently evil; instead, it was their improper use that made them so. Performing good deeds for display, for example, had two forms. It was an evil if it were done purely to gain praise from the public. However, if it were done, as a lesson for others and so that they were inspired to follow, then it became a virtue in the sight of Allah. Similarly, the faculties of forgiveness and retribution could lead one to cowardice or oppression if taken to the extreme

Fowards the end, the Promised Messiah mentioned a few more academic and theological issues on which the Mushims had erred. He spoke about the true nature of the Miraj, i.e. spiritual ascension of the Holy Propher. Some people believed the Holy Propher ascended to heaven with his physical body whereas some thought it was an ordinary dream.

The Promised Messiah explained that this was a grand vision experienced with a hody made of light. Only those who had undergone a similar experience could comprehend it. In fact, the Quran rejects bodily ascent to heaven, as it stated (Ch. 17.V.94).

"Say [O Muhammad"], Holy is my Lord. I am not but is man sent as a messenger, mortals never fly to heaven. This is the practice of Allah, which has existed since time immemorial."

Another error that existed was the precedence given to the Hadith over the Quran. This was wrong because the Quran possessed a rank of certainty whereas the Hadith had an element of conjecture. The Quran was a judge over the Hadith, and not the other way around.

At the conclusion, the Promised Messiah\* caded his speech by stating

Their condition [speaking about the Musims] no longer accords with the essence of Islam. They have become a mined and barren garden. Their hearts are impure. God Almighty desires to create a new people who will become a model of the true Islam by embracing the truth and righteousness."



HUZOOR'S TOUR OF

# **GERMANY AND BELGIUM 2018**

ABID KHAN SAHIB'S DIARY





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On 1 September 2018, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>68</sup> embarked on an 18 day tour of Germany and Belgium, during which he would grace the Jalsa Salanas of both countries with his presence.

#### STRUGGLING WITH THE SUGAR

We drove straight to Folkestone from where the Qaf.la would cross into mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel.

Upon arrival at Folkestone there remained some

time until our train and so after clearing the passport checking, Huzoor and Khala Saboohi spent the next twenty minutes at a lounge at the service station.

As Huzoor came out of the car, I noticed that he had taken off his *paghri* (turban) and was now wearing an Afghani topi.

As Huzoor entered the lounge, he called me and asked if our car had been stopped by security. I responded by saying that we had not been stopped >

Upon this, Huzoor said:

"This time they checked our car thoroughly. They even lifted up the bonnet and Ahmad was told to get out!"

I felt regret that Huzoor and Khala Saboohi were placed in any type of inconvenience. Nonetheless, Huzoor did not express any anger or even irritation. Instead, Huzoor smiled and said

"I think they were checking to see if we were carrying any contraband items!"

Thereafter, Ahmad bhai called me and said I should assist him as he was getting some cappuccinos and snacks to present to Huzoor and Khala Saboohi. When the coffees were ready, Ahmad bhai also asked me to bring some sachets of sugar

As Huzoor took his coffee he asked if there was any sugar I was standing next to Huzoor and so I started to open a sachet but as I did, I could feel myself physically tremble. My fingers were shaking and I found it genuinely difficult to open the packet.

On the one hand, I was trying to be as quick as I could but on the other I could not make my hands or fingers work any faster

For a few seconds, it genuinely felt as though my hand was paralysed!

As I continued to struggle, I could see Ahmad bhai looking at me in a way that suggested he was regretting giving me the responsibility to bring the sugar and on the other side, Huzoor was continuing to wait.

I had only opened the sachet half way when Huzoor smiled and said

"Give it to me! You are opening this sachet slowly like a European but it needs opening like a Punjabi!"

I handed Huzoor the sachet and in a second he opened it and poured t into his coffee. He then asked for another sachet and another and then another!

As I felt my hands still trembling, I managed to speak and said:

"Huzoor, how many sugars do you take in coffee?"

Huzoor smiled and said

"With the Grace of Allah, I don't have diabetes or any sugar related health issues and so I can take even four or five sugars on occasion!"

As Huzoor said this he smiled beautifully and Mansoor, Huzoor's grandson, who was also standing nearby, laughed and enjoyed those precious moments with Huzoor.

Despite my continued embarrassment at failing to open a packet of sugar properly, I was very happy to learn that, with the Grace of Allah, Huzoor had no problems taking sugar

A few minutes later, Huzoor and Khala Saboohi returned to their car and Lalso returned to mine

# STOP IN CALAIS

The journey across the Channel took around 35 minutes and so by the time the Qafila crossed into France it was 1.45pm local time

The Qafila cars drove to a nearby petrol station in Calais where members of the German Jamaat, including Ameer Sahib Germany, were waiting to escort Huzoor and the Qafila onwards.

A few minutes later we stopped at a Holiday Inn hotel for Namaz and lunch, which had been arranged by the French Jamaat.

After Namaz, Huzoor ate lunch with Khala Saboohi and Mansoor in a nearby room, whilst the rest of us ate our lunches in a small private dining room.

A few minutes after lunch, Huzoor came out to the lobby area of the hotel and Ameer Sahib France had the opportunity to sit with Huzoor for a few minutes, during which Ameer Sahib took Huzoor's guidance on certain Jamaat projects in France

# **'PAUSE AND WAIT'**

Before reaching Frankfurt late evening, the Qafila made one more stop, at a petro-station at 7.40pm.

As members of the Qafila took the opportunity to use the bathroom, Huzoor browsed the shop at the petrol station. It was a very beautiful scene, where our beloved Khalifa looked at the items on display, which consisted mainly a range of snacks and chocolates.

Ear ier in the day, I had informed Huzoor that Atif Mian, a well known Ahmadi Muslim economist from



the United States, had been appointed to Pakistan's newly formed Economic Advisory Council

At the petrol station, Huzoor asked me if there had been any reaction to Atri sahib's appointment.

I mentioned I had received some messages from Ahmadi Muslims and seen some social media posts in which a few individual Ahmadis had praised Pakistan's Prime Minister and the Pakistani Government over the appointment.

At a Jamaat level, I had also been approached by some Jamaat office bearers asking if they should issue a statement praising Pakistan's Government.

Hearing this, Huzoor said:

"There is no need for the Jamaat or even individual Ahmadis to issue any statements or comments on this matter. It is always better to wait and observe how the situation unfolds before commenting. Sometimes, Ahmadis get excited too easily. In this Atif Mian case, they should pause and wait and they will soon see the reality."

In just a few days, it would become crystal clear how prescient and far sighted Huzoor's words at the petrol station were

#### **ARRIVAL AT BAITUS SABUH**

With the Grace of Allah, the Qafila arrived safely at the Baitus Sabuh Mosque in Frankfurt at 9pm, where Huzoor was welcomed by thousands of Ahmadi Muslim men, women and children

After a few moments in his residence, Huzoor returned to the Mosque to lead the Maghreb and Isha prayers.

Following Namaz, Huzoor returned to his residence, whilst the rest of the Qafila members went to the dining hall for our evening meal and, after dinner, I was taken to my room

#### REDUCING THE WORD COUNT

The next morning, Huzoor had a session of family Mulaqats, in which the majority of Ahmadi Muslims were those who had come to Germany in the recent past and were meeting Huzoor for the first time

Before the Mu agats started, Huzoor called me to his office for a few moments

Huzoor told me that he had spent two and a half hours of the journey to Germany editing his Ja sa speech for which I had taken dictation a few days earlier.

The initial word count had been around 4,900 words and during the car journey, Huzoor had reduced the word count by around 1,200 words

Huzoor went through the script with me and showed me which parts he had cut and which parts he had re-drafted.

The bulk of the words cut were from the latter part of Huzoor's address, in which he had mentioned the per lous state of the world and the risks of a Third World War

Huzoor had spoken of how world governments and leaders were being blinded by self-interest and had forsaken morality.

Huzoor said

"The main issue over here is integration and immigration and so I will focus on that. I have kept

all the quotes of the Holy Quran because they were necessary and most important to include, however I have cut out several paragraphs of my own words."

As I left Huzoor's office, I mentioned I had noticed that some local Germans had seemed guite perturbed by the Qafila's presence at the petrol station the day before.

I had noticed one lady who seemed nervous and even angered by the presence of a large group of Muslims Thankfully, Ameer Sahib Germany spoke to her and after a few minutes she seemed reassured

Similarly, as we were leaving the petrol station, another German man had spoken something under his tongue which I could not fully understand but suggested that he too was irritated at the presence of a group of Muslims.

We had stopped at many German service stations during the past few years during Huzoor's tours and never experienced any hostility

It certainly suggested that anti Muslim or antiimmigrant sentiment was on the rise and so I hoped and prayed that Huzoor's speech which directly addressed the concerns of such people would be heard far and wide

# A FEW MOMENTS WITH THE JAMAAT

After Mulagats were completed, Huzoor proceeded directly to the Mosque but before leading Namaz, Huzoor took a seat on the floor of the Mosque and graciously spent a few extra moments with the members of the Jamaat.

Then, Ameer Sahib Germany informed Huzoor about an anti-mmigration and anti-Muslim rally held in the eastern German city Chemnitz a few days earlier attended by thousands

Some of the far right extremists had even resorted to using Nazi salutes and slogans. More positively, a counter protest in favour of immigrants had drawn an even bigger crowd.

Upon this, Huzoor said.

"It is after seeing the current circumstances and hostilities that I have decided to speak about immigration during my Jalsa address to guests. I shall speak about how immigrants should behave and how immigrants should be treated and speak about the responsibilities of both sides."

In reply, Ameer Sahib Germany said:

"Huzoor, your topic is most apt and needed at this time in Germany."

Huzoor asked Ameer Sahib Germany about the lady who seemed agitated by the Qafila's presence at a petrol station the day before when Huzoor was travelling to Frankfurt.

Upon this, Ameer Sahib Germany said:

"Yes, Huzoor she was quite worried and hostile because she thought we were some type of 'mafia' group. However, we explained calmly to her who we are and that all leaders have some security and she calmed down. The interesting thing is that the lady who held these reservations later told us that she was a teacher who taught students about integration!"

Thereafter, Huzoor said:

"I saw a Sikh man from Amritsar at the petrol station and later on I was told that he had expressed a desire to meet me but no one told me at the time. If he desired to meet it should have been mentioned to me"

Huzoor's comment illustrated his constant regard for the feelings of others. I think the reason the German Jamaat did not mention the request of the Sikh man was because they did not wish to disturb Huzoor during a journey. However, when Huzoor later learned of it he felt regret that the wish of the Sikh man had not been conveyed to him.

#### **TEARS OF LOVE**

The next day, I saw a familiar looking elderly Ahmadi Muslim from Indonesia passing through the security scanning area of Baitus Sabuh knew I had seen him before but could not recall his name.

Introduced myself and soon learned that I was talking to a very respected and devoted servant of Ahmadiyyat, a Missionary called Hajji Syuti Aziz Ahmad (74), who was serving as Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya in Indonesia



He had literally just arrived in Germany and did not know where he was staying or what the programme was but his only concern was that he should not be late for Zuhr and Asr prayers.

I informed him that Huzoor's Mulaqats were taking place and there was still some time until Namaz. He was instantly relieved and thereafter I was able to talk to him for a few minutes.

During those few minutes, Syuti Aziz sahib told me about his life and his experiences with Khilafat e-Ahmad yya. Throughout our meeting, the love and absolute respect Syuti Aziz sahib held for Khilafat was ever apparent.

In response to any question I asked, Syuti Aziz sahib invariably responded by mentioning his love for Khilafat and the paramount need for Ahmadi Muslims to always stay loyal and obedient to Khilafat.

Indeed, Syuti Aziz sahib described this as the foremost lesson he had learnt in his life and which he desired to inculcate amongst his students

Syuti Aziz sahib saidi

"I have served as a Waqf-e-Zindighi (life devotee) for over 50 years and if I have learned one thing it is that we can only succeed and progress if we say 'Labaik' (we obey) with all our heart. True obedience to Khilafat is our means of progress, whereas if we go one lots in another direction we are destined to fail."

As we talked, Syuti Aziz sahib became visibly emotional. As he wiped away tears from his eyes he took pride in them. He said:

"We Indonesians cannot control our tears when

it comes to Khilafat. Our love for Huzoor and the institution of Khilafat is beyond words or description. In fact, I believe that when it comes to showing tears of love for Khilafat the Indonesian Jamaat is number one in the world!"

As Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syuti Aziz sa d:

"Huzoor guides us on every single issue and personally takes care of any problems faced by the [Jamia] staff or students. He sends them tabarruk and responds to their every letter. We can never be grateful enough for the prayers and love that Huzoor has shown us."

As our chance meeting drew to a close, Syuti Aziz sah b told me about his personal experience of Haj, and the great blessings that ensued.

Syuti Azız sahıb saidi

"In March 1999 I had the great fortune to do Hajj and before I went, our Ameer Sahib Indonesia asked me to pray that Khalifatui Masih comes to Indonesia the moment i saw the Kaabah for the first time. Thus, this was the prayer that I made repeatedly upon seeing the Ka'bah and the very next year, in 2000. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> visited Indonesia in an extremely historic and emotional tour."

As he said these words, Syuti Aziz sahib suddenly became quiet. could tell that his emotions and love for Khilafat had consumed him, as he contemplated the fact that it had been eighteen long years since Indonesia had the honour of hosting Khilafat.

After a few seconds of silence, Syuti Aziz sahib said that he should proceed to the Mosque so that he was not late for Namaz.

I was very grateful that I personally had that opportunity to meet and spend some time with such a sincere and earnest servant of the Promised Messiah<sup>a</sup>.

Syuti Aziz Ahmad sahib passed away on 19 November 2018 at the age of 74. In his Friday Sermon of 30 November 2018, Huzoor spoke extensively about the life and character of Syuti Aziz Ahmad sahib and prayed that he was granted a high status in Paradise.

When I heard about his passing, I felt deep sadness but also gratitude that I had been able to spend some time with him in Germany



# A BELOVED REMEMBER

# PART I

A historic article written by the brother-in-law of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmadas, Hazrat Mir Muhammad ismaila, in the biesed memory of the Promised Messiahas. This was written for those individuals who were not able to physically meet the Promised Messiahas and was written as an alternative to the photographs of the Promised Messiahas.

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By Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ismail<sup>®</sup>, brother-in-law of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>®</sup> (Translated by Haseeb Ahmad, Pakistan)

By the grace of God, Ahmadis are spread throughout India In fact they are present throughout the world. But among them, there is a difference between those who have seen Ahmadas and those who have not

Those who were blessed to benefit from his noble presence possess a sense of serene pleasure in their heart which resonates with them to this day. Whereas those who were unable to see him are often found to lament this and regret their delay and the fact that they were not able to see the face of their beloved in his lifetime

There always remains a stark difference between a picture and the reality, something only those can relate to who saw the face of the Promised Messiahas with their own eyes.

It is my earnest desire to describe the appearance and practices of Hazrat Ahmad™ so that those who were not able to see this blessed individual might benefit from it.

#### FORM AND FFATURES

Instead of going into detail about the Promised Messiah'sas appearance. I deem it better to write more generally so that readers are able to draw their own conclusion

The appearance of the Promised Messiahas can be summarised in a single sentence: He was a perfect example of masculine beauty. But this statement is incomplete if another is not added to it: His humanly charm and beauty carried a spiritual glow and aura with it.

As he was raised for the Ummah to manifest the beautiful and peaceful aspects of Islamic teachings, similarly his physical beauty was a manifestation of God's omnipotence and would draw the heart of the observer towards him.

His face, illumined with spirituality, never exhibited arrogance, haughtiness or the slightest pride, rather it always manifested love, humility and modesty

Once, the Promised Messiaha went to Dera Baba Nanak to see the cloak of Guru Baba Nanak, Upon his arrival a doth was spread under a tree where they all sat. His arrival had brought people in from outlying villages, eager to see him and greet him.

Unaware of whom the Promised Messiahas was, people started approaching Maulvi Syed Muhammad Ahsan Sahib and after shaking hands with him they would take a seat. After a while the reality was disclosed by Mauly: Syed Mchammad Ahsan Sahib who signaled towards the Promised Messiah# and revealed the reality upon everyone. A similar incident occurred when the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> migrated to Medina. Even on that occasion people mistook Hazrat Abu Bakra for the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. To remove their m sconception Hazrat Abu Bakra took his cloth and shaded the Holy Prophet<sup>50</sup> and hence corrected the mistake.

# PHYSIQUE AND HEIGHT

The Promised Messianes was neither thin nor stout. He was of stocky build and of average height. Although his height was not measured, it was around five feet, eight inches. His shoulder blades were spaced apart and to his last age he did not lose posture. All parts of his body were perfectly proportioned. Neither his hands nor legs nor stomach were out of proportion. Hence no unpleasant features were to be witnessed in his body parts. His skin was neither soft as of women not rough. His body was strong jointed and possessed the toughness of the youth. In his last years his skin neither wrinkled nor withered.

#### COMPLEXION

He had a striking ruddy complexion. It possessed the aura and grandeur of spintuality. This was a permanent spectacle. His colour never faded in times of hardships and trials rather it would shine like bright gold. No hardship or difficulty was able to wither it away.

Apart from this aura his countenance was always brimming with a delight and a permanent smile on his face. An observer would remark: If he is false in his claim and aware of his lies then why does his face always manifest the signs of triumph, happiness, delight and serenity? Such farthful manifestations can never be attributed to a wicked person and the light of faith can never shine on the face of a wrongdoer

When the sun set on the final day of Atham's respite set by Divine prophecy vouchsafed to the Promised Messiahas faces of some members of the Jamaat seemed dejected with dismay and their hearts had sunk. Some naively made bets that Atham would surely die before the prophecy's set period. They wept in their prayers before their Lord to fulfil the prophecy by putting an end to Atham and deliver them from imminent shame and the bitter jeers and jibes of their opponents that would ensue There was great commotion which turned the faces of the beholders pale out of fear. But this fearless lion of God marched out of his house with a victorious smile on his face, called his followers to the mosque and announced that the prophecy had been fulfilled, drawing their attention to the qualifying words of the prophecy

# اطلعالته على همته وغمته

"God has informed me that Atham has turned to the truth, so the All knowing God has allowed him a respite" Those who were listening saw his contended face and believed him to be true. They contemplated upon the fact that they were being devoured by hopelessness and here he was standing in front of them, jubilant with satisfaction on his face and talking without any signs of dismay, rather with utmost delight.

It seemed as if God had appointed him to judge the matter of Atham. And upon witnessing Atham's renouncement from his denunciation of Islam and observing his restlessness, Hazrat Ahmad<sup>18</sup> allowed Atham respite from death. And now he was delighted as if a victorious wrestler out of his beneficence and mercy had forgiven his opponent, considering it an insult to kill someone who was already moribund.

The prophecy about Lekhram was later fulfilled according to its terms and conditions. The foulmouthed started to raise false accusations. A police report was filed to investigate Ahmadas. The Police Superintendent arrived with a force of constables to search his house. The movement of everyone in the house was restricted.

The acrimonious opposition was eager to find a single doubtful word that could be found in his correspondence or documents to prove him a culprit. But there he was, standing with full contentment and serenity. He himself would provide all documents, books, bags and letters in the house to the police to assist them in their inquiry and showed them all around the storerooms. Some of the letters that required a second look were taken into custody but nothing changed for Ahmadas. His face still shone like the full moon and manifested utter contentment and jubilancy. It was as if the investigation had further cemented the proof of a manifest victory and established his sheer innocence in this regard.

And then there were those outside the house, terrified and silent as they witnessed constables coming in and out of his house. Their faces had grown pale, unaware of the fact that the person for

whom they were worried was himself calling upon constables to search his documents and letters

Ahmad's<sup>as</sup> face conveyed a delightful cheer revealing that now the time had ripened and the truthfulness of his prophecy would be revealed in its complete terms and he would be proven innocent from all false claims made against him.

Hence in all trials and tribulations his courage was singular, calm and imperturbable. Not for a single moment did he act out of spite and this caused many pure souls to accept the truth.

## HAIR

His hairs were straight, shiny and silky and were kept dyed with henna. They were not thick or abundant. He would never have his head shaved nor would he have it cut too short. His hairs would reach up to his neck. He would oil his hair with jasmine oil and henna and this was a constant practice

#### BEARD

He had a full, dense, striking beard on all sides with thick, straight and shiny hair, dyed with herna. The length of his beard would always be the size of a fist and he would have a regular cut to keep it straight and equally spread downwards. It was neither sparse nor dense. It was always oiled. Once due to the appearance of a small pustule on the cheek he had his hairs completely removed from that particular spot. Those hairs are still in the custody of his companions. The hairs of his beard were neither scarce nor so dense as to continue up to his eyes.

#### HAIR DYF

Earlier he would dye his hairs with hair dye and henna. But later due to constant severe headaches he would dye his hair with henna only. For some days he also tried manufactured hair dye but later ceased its use

In his last days one of his companions Mir Hamid Shah prepared a hair dye for him that he also used It blackened the beard but as for his lifetime routine he would dye his hairs with henna. He would have this applied by a hairdresser every Friday.

As was his beard, so were the hairs of his moustache also thick, strong and shiny. He was in practice of trimming his moustache close to the upper lip but not like the Ahlie Hadith custom of completely shaving off the moustache.



He was not hirsute. His back was hairless. Sometimes he would trim the hairs on his chest and stomach. A thin and soft lining of hair covered his shin and the back of his hands

## FACE

He had a narrow, straight face. Even in his seventies there were no wrinkles, nor were there any frown lines as are visible on the forehead of short tempered people. Observers would always witness contentment, serenity and a hidden smile on his face. The colour of his eyes was black. He would always keep his gaze lowered in accordance with the Quranic injunction. During discourses he would keep his gaze lowered even when addressing a gathering. Even at home, his looks would be restrained and he would not immediately notice all in attendance It is also important to mention that he never used eyeglasses. His eyes would never get tired due to the overload of work. God promised to safeguard his sight and hence it remained unaffected until his death. Yet he was not able to witness the new moon with the naked eye. His nose possessed the traits of nobility; slim, straight, high and perfectly proportioned

## **FOREHEAD**

The Promised Messiahas had light, leveled cheeks and his eyebrows were parted. His forehead showed all three qualities that, according to physiognomy, signify high standards of positive traits, attributes and manifest signs of intellect and a prolific mind:

flat, broad and high, neither protruding nor sunken. Moreover, no frown lines were to be seen. His head was proportionate and was perfectly shaped as would see the physiognomists. His broad temple signified his high intellect

#### LIPS

Huzoor's lips were neither thin nor thick. The size of his mouth was moderate. He would keep his mouth closed when silent unlike those who always keep it open.

In a gathering he would cover his mouth with the loose end of his turban. In the final years of

his life some of his molar teeth decayed which occasionally caused serious pain. Later, one such tooth decomposed and sharpened, which wounded his tongue and so, was coarsened with a file. He never had any of his teeth extracted. He habitually used miswak to brush his teeth.

In the summer his beels would sometime become coarse. He used to wear warm clothes in the cold as well as in hot seasons

In summer he would perspire but his clothes never gave out any odour, whatever the weather.

## NECK

Huzoor's\* neck was moderate in length and width Following in the footsteps of the Holy Prophetsa he would take care of his physical appearance. He would regularly bathe, have his hair and beard trimmed, comb his hair, dye his hair, clean his teeth with miswak, use perfume and use a mirror But to always keep himself fashionably dressed was against his disposition.

#### CLOTHING

It should be noted that he was not selective with respect to clothes. In his last years he would receive simple sewn clothes as gifts especially from Sheikh Rehmatullah Sahib who would bring along gifts such as overcoats, waistcoats, trousers and long shirts along with him on the occasion of Eid ul Fitr and Eid al Adha. These would be used aside from those that Huzoor\* would have prepared for his own use. He also used to wear a turban that he would, most of the times, purchase himself. As the clothes would come as gifts for his use, the used clothes were taken by his followers as blessed relics. Sometimes it would so happen that he would give out his clothes as a token of blessings to find no spare clothes for himself and new garments would have to be sewn. Some found wisdom in gifting him new clothes and then asking for old ones to be gifted to them.

This was an extra piece of information that I have provided for the sake of record.

Now I will mention the type of clothes Huzoor<sup>as</sup> would wear. It was his custom to wear overcoats, waistcoats, trousers, long shirts and a turban. Moreover, he had a habit of keeping a handkerchief with him at all times. He would use socks in winter. His clothing had one unique factor that they were all sewn loose. Though the coats brought by Sheikh Rehmatu lah. Sahib were Western styled, they would be long enough to cover his knees and a part of his shin. The typical Asian gowns and robes that he would wear would sometimes reach his ankles. Similarly his shirts and waistcoats were loosely stitched.

He was not in the habit of wearing vests as its fitting caused unease. He would keep the uppermost button of his shirts, overcoats and waistcoats unbuttoned. Similarly he always kept his cuffs unbuttoned. His custom was in accordance to the Quranic injunction.

# مَا اَنَامِنَ الْبُتَكَلِّفِيْن [I am not of the pretenders.]

He kept himself distant from the formalities of this world. It was against his nature to bind himself in unnecessary limitations which were also rendered useless by the Sharia—Islamic teachings.

(His clothing and appearance was never his primary interest.) His focus was completely directed towards the mission he was entrusted with.

In his final years he would wear warm dothes in summer as well, which was due to his frail health Winter season suited him not. In summer he would wear a muslin shirt underneath his coat. His trousers were designed in accordance with the principle prescribed by the Sharia. He also used to wear flared trousers as was the custom in those days but later he gave up this practice. In summer while at home, during the daytime and at night he would wear a dhoti [a long piece of cloth tied around the waist by men in South Asia].

He would commonly wear a waistcoat while at home and would wear an overcoat when going out. And during severe winter conditions he would wear two coats at a time, while sometimes adding a fur coat as well.

In the pocket of his waistcoat he would place his handkerchief. He would always keep a large sized handkerchief. Within that handkerchief he would keep his essential medicines such as musk and would tie within it important letters along with the cash he would receive as gifts from visitors in the mosque.

He had the habit of keeping a watch with him at all times. But as it needed winding periodically, therefore most of the time it would usually display the incorrect time. And as it would easily fall off from his pocket, therefore it was kept in the handkerchief. He kept the watch with him as a necessity and not for showing off. An observer could never find any form of artificiality in his life or clothes. Rather, it was in accordance with the Quranic injunction:

# وَالرَّجْزَفَاهُجُرْ [And shun uncleanliness.]

He always preferred cleaniness in every matter and abhorred uncleanliness. He was so cautious that he would himself pour bleach in the toilet if there was no one else to do so.

## **HEADDRESS**

He would wear a turban made from ten yards of muslin. He would keep the loose end of the turban to the length of his back. Sometimes he would set it to the front of his chest and sometimes would cover his mouth with that end while sitting quietly in a gathering

He would tie his turban in a special manner. At home he would loosely tie his turban shaping it on the front side.

Under his turban he would wear a Rumi [Turkish] cap and while at home he would only keep the Rumi cap on his head made from soft material

He would wear socks during winter and would wipe over them with his hands [Masah] white performing ablution.

In severe weather conditions he would wear two pairs of socks, one over the other...

He would wear any kind of slippers available to him if they were loose. He did not have the habit of wearing English style boots. I never saw him wearing moccasins. (He did wear moccasins

Editor Al Hakam Urdu.) Hazrat Hakim Maulvi Nuruddin Sahib, Khalifatul Masih I<sup>n</sup> used to wear them. If the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> shoes were tight then he would press them down from the heels

Here I would also like to mention that he used to keep a staff. At home or while going to Masjid Mubarak he would not use it. But when he went to Masjid Aqsa or took a walk he would hold a staff in his hand. For this he preferred thick and strong wood. He would never walk by supporting his body with the staff as is done by the elderly

During the summer season he would keep a flannel on his shoulder and while sitting, would use it to cover his feet.

As regards the care of his clothes, at night while going to sleep he would spread his coat, cap, waistcoat and turban on his bed or under his pillow and would sleep over them. All night these clothes which some would hang on hangers to save them from being creased would be under his body; if a fashion enthusiast ever saw the consequences, they would certainly be left perplexed

During the summer season, both day and night (mostly at night) while at home he would take off his clothes and would only wear a dhoti. He would also take off his shirt when prickly heat would appear on his body. His dhoti would mount up to the middle of his shin and I never saw his knees uncovered

He also used to have a bunch of keys with him that would be tied to his handkerchief or robe belt. He was not in hab't of wearing woolen coats. Nor would he appear in public, covering his body with a woolen quilt. He would keep a flannel but would never cover his head with it. Rather he would always cover his shoulders with it. He was not accustomed to gloves or neckties.

His bed would be a long and wide quilt made of at least approximately twelve pounds of wool. He would use this bedding in both winter and summer seasons due to his discomfort in the cold. A cotton sheet would be spread over his bedding with a pillow.

He would perform most of his literary work on his bed. All the necessary stationery items including an inkpot, paper and pen were always kept on his bed as that place served him as his desk, chair and library. And one could witness in his routine the



practical example of.

وَمَا اَنَامِنَ الْمُتَكَلِّفِيْنِ "I am not of those who are given to affectation." (Ch 38·V87)]

There is one point I forgot to mention: Against the practice of the affluent of that time, he would not change his clothes daily, rather he would change them when he felt a difference in its neatness

## WASHING HANDS

Huzoor<sup>26</sup> would generally wash his hands before a meal and would most definitely wash his hands after. In winter, he would use hot water. He would use very little soap and would wipe his hands with a cloth or a towel. He would never clean his hands using his beard, as is the custom of some un ettered mullahs [Muslim clerics]. He would rinse his mouth after meals.

During the month of Ramadan, in sehri [breakfast] he would be served with the leg piece of a chicken and firmi [ground rice padding] along with a paratha [South Asian fried bread] instead of a plain roti. However, he would eat very little of it.

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# A CHAMPION OF ISLAM

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V's\*\* personal memories and recollections of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud\*\*

By Asif M Basit, London Originally published in *Al Hakam*, 15 February 2019

Whenever I need to seek guidance from Hazrat Amirul Momineen\*\* with regard to an MTA programme, I either take the entire recording with me or the relevant part of the programme to Huzoor\*\*

Sometimes, Huzoor will immediately givel guidance, while at other times, Huzoor instructs me to play the programme for him. For this purpose, Huzoor opens the tray of his DVD player using his remote control and I teach out and replace the DVD already in the player with the MTA programme.

Aside from a few occasions, I have always found at DVD containing the audio of a famous and mighty

speech of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud<sup>e</sup> featuring the famous words:

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# "O musicians of the heavenly kingdom!"

After reviewing the particular programme, Huzoor usually instructs me to place that DVD back in the player

On one occasion, Huzour graciously enquired from me, "Have you heard the speech?" I replied that I had not. Huzour then played the audio of



that historic speech, which continued to play for quite a long period of time.

The majestic voice of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud's echoed in the same room where Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V\*\* was present. Readers can imagine the aura at the time and my experience.

This was an experience that made me realise Huzoor's love for Hazrat Musleti-e-Maud\*

# Huzooraa replied:

The status of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maudit was such that having received divine knowledge of it, his claimed to be a maud Khalifa in prophesied Khalifa], meening that he possessed a status higher than a Khalifa, but less than a prophet. To preserve the memory of such a man is essential. Huzoor said:

البدوق أندة كاكر أي كالما الك العد سكة إلى أوالي يرومت هذا كيسة

in time shall come when all will proclaim, "May God have mercy on this ardent devotes of Islam." That time has now come. And even now, people are yet to be properly acquainted with the status of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud

From this, one further realises the love our Imam, Hazrat Amirul Momineen\*, has for Hazrat Musleh e-Maud\*

Only a few days ago, I had the honour of having an andience with History. The subject of History Musleh-e-Maud's funeral arose. I said, "Huzoor, do you remember the funeral of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud"?"

Huzoor replied, "Of course It remember it. Lifting Huzoor's casket, walking elongside the procession towards Bahishii Magbarah, then offering the funeral prayer, I remember all this. How far back have you taken me?"

Huzoor counted the years on his fingertips, whitest 52, 53 years. So at that age, I recall running alongside the procession.

Here, there was silence, the disruption of which I consider no less than a crime. The silence that is full of meaning. I cannot describe it beyond this

The silence came to arrend when Huzoor\*himself said:

It also recall that that was the first time (witnessed the demise of a loved one or relative at an age where I could comprehered things it was also the first time I kissed the forehead of a dear one who had passed away, the mirmory of which remains today. I can still visualise his forehead and that experience. It also recall standing beside the blossed body of Hazrat Musleh a Maud!

Justially don't have the courage to peer up and look directly at Huzoor\* during mulaque [audiences]. At times, the thought occurs to me whether it is rude to keep my gaze down whilst: Huzoor\* addresses me. But what else can I do for one's eyes are incapable of rising up; and even if they can, one struggles to take a proper look.

Yet when Huzoor mentioned this, my eyes naturally rose and settled in Huzoor's direction. During those brief few seconds, I witnessed the love, emotions and attachment Huzoor felt as he recalled kissing Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud's forehead, as if he was reliving that moment.



I lowered my gaze once again and considered silence appropriate in that moment.

Then followed Huzoor's20 blessed voice:

"I also recall the appointment of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III". The announcement was made after 11pm. I remember Huzoor" returning home from the mosque. All family members had congregated. Huzoor" went straight into his room and remained there in solitude for about half an hour. Then he returned.

"Lalso remember that the blessed body of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud" was in that very room where members of the family had gathered. There were sounds of a woman or child crying aloud, upon which Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III<sup>th</sup> (who had not yet been appointed as Khalifatul Masih) forbade such wailing and said, "At this time, you should pray silently for the second manifestation of God's omnipotence [Khilafat]." I also recall Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmadh, who was also present there, instructing not to cry aloud."

This jogged my memory and I asked, "Huzoor, you once said that in that room..."

Huzoor<sup>a</sup> immediately responded, "Yes! Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud's blessed body", Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III<sup>th</sup>, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> and I were in that room."

How blessed was that room and that hour in which four Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat were present simultaneously; Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud<sup>ra</sup> had been raised to his Lord, but his body was present; and then three such individuals who were soon to be elevated to the throne of Khilafat.

"Huzoor, you must also recall meeting Hazrat

#### Musleh-e-Mauda?"

"Yes, once I went along with Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad" [Huzoor's" paternal grandfather]. Despite the fact that he was the younger brother of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud", he never just simply walked right in He first sought permission outside Casr-e-Khilafat, and only having been given permission did he enter. He remained before Huzoor" with utmost respect. He said what he had to and very respectfully returned. Although I was very young at the time, it was an early lesson in understanding the rank and status of Khilafat.

"Other than that, I also recall Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud" lovingly and jokingly talking to me. Once, Huzoor was in Murree and we also went. A maternal cousin and I were wandering around when Huzoor looked in our direction. He then called us and playfully spoke to us according to our age, something which we enjoyed for a very long time."

With that, the mulaqat came to a close. My emotional state, having heard Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V'saa memories of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud<sup>ra</sup>, and that too in his own words, was something readers can imagine.

On behalf of Al Hakam, these memories are presented as a gift to our readers and all members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat at the occasion of Musleh-e-Maud Day.

I conclude with the couplet of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maudia, and quoted by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Vaa:

"A time shall come when all will proclaim, 'May God have mercy on this ardent devotee of Islam."

Let us pray along with our Imam<sup>aa</sup>: O Allah, send your blessings upon this devout servant of Islam, the servant who spent countless nights awake in anguish for his people. May Allah enable us to fathom the status of Khilafat and make us ardent lovers of this great reward upon us.

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# Message for the Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema of Indonesia 2019

My beloved spiritual children of the Promised Messiah,

السلاء عليكم ورحمة الله وبركأته

You are all gathered for the National Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema and some of you may wonder why we hold these events each year. The reason is to remind all of you, the members of Waqf-e-Nau, about the importance of your responsibilities and to train and guide you about how to discharge these duties. First of all, you should always remember that to merely have your name in the list of Waqf-e-Nau has no value on its own. It is only through your conduct that you can attain the true blessings associated with being a part of this scheme. At all times, you must strive to fulfil your pledge as members of Waqf-e-Nau and this requires that you raise your moral, spiritual and educational standards and set the very best example for others to follow. At all times, every Ahmadi man, woman and child is expected to act upon the teachings of Islam, and so if members of Waqf-e-Nau are only following the basic standards, they cannot claim any distinction. Hence, never forget that you are the people who have pledged your lives for the sake of your faith and so you must strive to instil the highest standards of Islamic teachings and values within yourselves.

Foremost amongst these, as I often say, is to fulfil the rights of Allah, Subhanahu Wa Ta'alah, through His worship, and so you must try to constantly improve your standards of worship and try to develop a true and everlasting connection with Allah. If you are sincere in your prayers, you will come to enjoy your worship and will not find it difficult and this is the standard a Waqf-e-Nau should strive to attain. If you are successful in this, you will not only develop a personal bond with your Creator, but you will also inspire others to follow in your footsteps. Of course, the most important and chief form of worship are the five obligatory prayers that must be offered each day. Thus, you should be extremely careful that you do not miss any Namaz. Furthermore, you should offer your prayers in congregation whenever possible and, outside of school or college times, attend your local mosque or Salat centre as much as possible.

We all identify ourselves as Ahmadi Muslims and we are proud of the fact that we have accepted the Imam of the Age, the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi (as), who was sent according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (sa). Yet, this pride and satisfaction in your faith will only be deemed praiseworthy and will only be accepted by Allah, if we actually act upon the true teachings of our religion. Just to utter a few words articulating our faith is not enough on its own. As I said, first and foremost amongst your duties to Allah is to be regular in the five daily prayers. Regrettably, students often use their

schools or university studies as an excuse to delay their prayers or even to not offer of them at all. What they fail to realise is that Namaz is a shield that saves a person from other mistakes, and so by failing to fulfil the rights of worship, they are leading themselves towards other vices and sins and away from Islam. Thus, you must guard against any form of laziness or weakness in this respect.

Apart from offering Namaz, the Promised Messiah(s) has also guided us on the other ways in which we can fulfil the rights of the worship of Allah. For example, on one occasion, a man came to the Promised Messiah (as) stating that he was prone to many mistakes and weaknesses and he sought guidance about how to overcome his shortcomings. In response, the Promised Messiah (as) advised him that Namaz and Istighfar were the best remedies to overcome such weaknesses. Every person knows his own deficiencies better than anyone else, and so pay great attention to the guidance of the Promised Messiah (as), that the best medicine to overcome negligence in our faith is to be regular in the obligatory prayers and seeking repentance from Allah for our sins. As you have grown up in a materialistic society, the need and importance of Istighfar is even more pressing, as it is an outstanding means of protecting a person from the evils and immorality prevalent in society. As I have said, Waqf-e-Nau should be an example for others and so you must offer Istighfar as much as possible so that your spiritual and moral standards continually elevate and improve.

Furthermore, the Promised Messiah (as) taught that a person should pray to Allah with the words 'O Allah, create a great distance between me and my sins, meaning that a person be saved from all wrongdoing and sin. The Promised Messiah (as) said that if a person sincerely and regularly offered this prayer, it would surely be accepted over time. Thus, as members of Waqf-e-Nau, you should offer this prayer repeatedly so that you can be guided to the right path and fulfil your pledge. May Allah enable you to do so

Wassalam

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Jamia Ahmadiyya UK will be holding entry test and interview on 10th and 11th July 2019 for this year's intake of students. The following conditions apply:

QUALIFICATIONS Minimum qualifications for the candidates are six GCSE, three A-Level or equivalent with C grades or 60% marks.

AGE ON ENTRY Maximum age of 17 years for students with GCSE or 19 years with A-Levels or equivalent qualifications.

MEDICAL REPORT The applicants MUST submit a detailed medical report from the GP with whom they have been registered.

WRITTEN TEST AND INTERVIEW The applicants will take a written test and will appear before a Selection Board for interview. Only those who pass the written test will be invited for interview.

The written test and interview will be based on the recitation of the Holy Quran, the Wagfe Nau Syllabus, and proficiency in reading, writing and spoken English and Urdu languages. However, candidates will be judged for their inclination towards learning and reading the translation of the Holy Quran and the books of the Promised Messiah\*s.

PROCEDURE Application will ONLY be accepted on the prescribed Admission Form available from the Jamia UK office. It must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Application must be endorsed by the National Ameer.
- A detailed medical report from the GP.
- Photocopies of the GCSE or A-Level results. If the results are awaited, the candidate must include a letter from his school/ sixth Form tutor about his projected grades.
- Copy of applicant's passport.
- 2 passport size photographs.
- The spellings of the name must be the same as in the passport. Any change must be accompanied by the certification for that change.

LAST DATE The application for the 2019 entry MUST arrive by 30th May 2019. Applications received after that will not be considered.

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